

# TOWN OF HERNDON

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### **HERNDON POLICE CHIEF TOUSSAINT SUMMERS OFFERS CLARIFICATION ON ICE REPORT**

Herndon, VA (July 27, 2006) – Reacting to news reports that erroneously characterize the Town of Herndon as one of three jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia that has declined to participate in a federal immigration enforcement training program provided by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Herndon Police Chief Toussaint E. Summers, Jr., issued the following clarification:

“The ICE Report provides information on jurisdictions nationwide that are participating in the program, which total just eight jurisdictions to date. The report also identifies those jurisdictions that asked for additional information on the program but have not yet committed; the Town of Herndon, along with Virginia State Police and the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, are the only three jurisdictions in Virginia that fall into this category. The remaining law enforcement agencies in the U.S., which number more than 17,000, have neither participated in the program nor asked for more information about it.

“My intent, following our request for more information about the program, is to evaluate its merits and to discuss the potential for Town participation with Mayor DeBenedittis and the Town Council.”

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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